BILL SUMMARY

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Research Analysis

HB 2873, as introduced, creates the Universal Licensing Recognition Act. The measure implements recognition of professional and occupational licensure for applicants moving to and residing in Oklahoma. A person moving to Oklahoma would be able to apply for licensing or certification for an occupation with a similar scope of practice, and the applicant supplies verifiable proof of physical residency in the state or is married to and accompanying an active duty member of the Armed Forces to an official permanent change of station to a military installation located in the state.

The Oklahoma regulatory entity would apply all similar and verifiable work experience in the manner most favorable to the applicant. Certain examination requirements and fees would still apply to the applicant. The applicant must also demonstrate that they are free of any complaint, investigation, suspension, revocation or discipline by any other regulatory entity or jurisdiction for unprofessional conduct.

The act does not apply to requirements for a criminal background check or criteria for a license or certification established by a separate interstate compact or reciprocal agreement.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 2873 should not create a fiscal impact for the State as it allows agencies that licenses various professionals to use their current processes for licensing out-of-state applicants nor does it require any additional reporting by the agencies.

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Other Considerations

None.

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